

Public Health Advocacy. Public Health Advocates help communities become places that nurture health and well-being for all people. There are many factors, or determinants, that affect health and have a tremendous influence on health outcomes. The physical environment, social and economic factors, and clinical care all play a part in an individual's health. The term "public health advocacy" refers to educating, organizing, and mobilizing for systems change in population health. Current and future threats to the health of a community are identified and public health advocates work to inform, create, and influence legislation and change the environment in order to create circumstances in which optimal health is possible. \*The 2018 Embracing Health Equity Training series will identify some of the current threats to the health of the Columbus community and examine the ways in which we, as public health practitioners, can advocate for change.

## **Cradle to Prison Pipeline: A Public Health Crisis**

Presenter: Ashon McKenzie. Children's Defense Fund-Ohio

The overemphasis on school policies and practices in schools has led to an increasing number of children who become involved in the juvenile and criminal justice systems. Given the growth of youth incarcerated, there is a need to address school discipline and intervention strategies to decrease drop-out rates and improve access to positive career and higher educational opportunities. Research shows the cradle/school to prison pipeline disproportionately impacts students based on their race, ethnicity, socio-economic status and disability. Please join us for a discussion on the impacts the cradle/school to prison pipeline has on youths and our communities and how you can advocate for positive change.

## \*Additional training topics are awaiting approval and will be added soon.

The Columbus Public Health Diversity & Equity Committee invites you to attend our upcoming health equity training series.

Social Work CE's will be offered for each training. Please direct questions to Malaika Brewer at 614-645-1345 or MABrewer@columbus.gov.

**REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR ALLTRAININGS.** You may register for one or more of the sessions listed above. Register online at <a href="https://goo.gl/forms/6tTPORkumQgf7snC3">https://goo.gl/forms/6tTPORkumQgf7snC3</a>.

